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1. 5,554,103 Kheng et al, September 10, 1996

The present invention provides a high efficiency external counterpulsation apparatus having accurate and reliable timing of inflation and deflation as well as reduced temperature of the balloons. The present invention utilizes new gas distribution devices for improved safety in the monitoring of blood pressure and oxygen levels in the blood.

2. 3,303,841 Dennis, Februasry 14, 1967

The present invention relates to the process of and apparatus for reducing the work of the left ventricle of the heart by forcing blood back into the aorta and great arterial vessels through external compression of the body during ventricular diastole and relieving this back pressure when the left ventricle is emptying the aorta.

3. 4,753,226 Zheng et al, June 28, 1988

A combination device is provided for a microcomputerized and enhanced type of external counterpulsation and extra-thoracic cardiac massage apparatus. The invention comprises 4 independent balloons, which receive control signals from the central computer monitoring a plurality of cardiovascular system inputs. The balloons are inflated and deflated as required by the patient's medical condition.

4. 5,997,540 Zheng et al, December 7, 1999

The present invention provides a high efficiency external counterpulsation apparatus having accurate and reliable timing of inflation and deflation as well as reduced temperature of the balloons. The present invention utilizes new gas distribution devices for improved safety in the monitoring of blood pressure and oxygen levels in the blood.

5. (30(10)656-661) Cohen – American Cardiovascular Journal 1973

Above referenced publication disclosed by examiner during review of prior application number 09/733,276 filed December 8, 2000. Copies not provided by examiner for reference.

6. CN85200905, Chinese Patent

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7. CN88203328, Chinese Patent

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8. CN1057189A, Chinese Patent

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